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Mr. David Howland  
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**Subject: Pioneer Renewable Energy – Dry Cooling**

Dear Mr. Howland:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Pioneer Renewable Energy's (Pioneer) decision to proceed with air-cooled condenser (dry cooling) technology for the Pioneer project in Greenfield, MA. This decision triggers two important changes that we would like to bring to your attention:

- 1) Pioneer Renewable Energy hereby withdraws its application for a Reclaimed Water Use Permit (Transmittal No. X230633); and
- 2) Pioneer Renewable Energy also withdraws its application for an Industrial Sewer Use Permit (Transmittal No. X23070). A new Industrial Sewer Use Application, based on the use of dry cooling, will be filed with MassDEP shortly.

This decision should not be construed as recognition of the validity of concerns related to any potential toxins in the wastewater. Pioneer agrees with the Greenfield Board of Health's April 2010 Position Statement in which it found that the "reuse of the effluent is within safe levels of 24/7 emissions and would not pose a significant risk to the citizens of Greenfield and the surrounding towns".

We thank you for your attention to this matter and are available should you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
PIONEER RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Wolfe".

Matthew Wolfe, Principal